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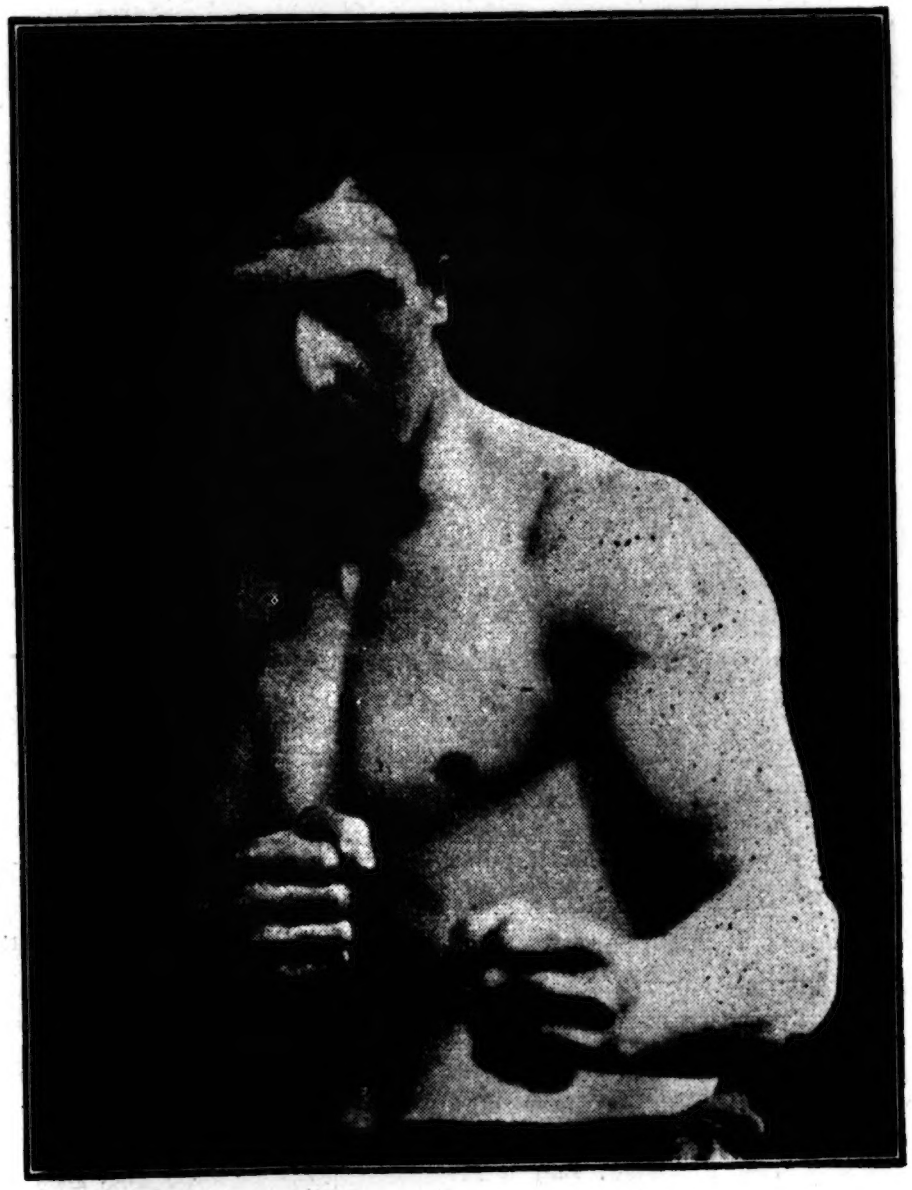

TO TRY AGAIN!

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FISTIC COMMENTS.

TODD'S NEXT MATCH.

Roland Todd is to engage in another contest next month, and it is pleasing to note that his opponent will be Jock Malone, an Irish-American, who hails from St Paul, Min., the town in which such fistic celebrities as Mike and Tom Gibbons and Mike O'Dowd were born.

Malone, who has been in the game since 1916, and gained a decision over the Englishman, is, like Todd, a challenger of the American middleweight champion, and he holds decisions over Mickey Walker, the world's "welter" champion, and Augie Ratner. His victory over the latter, gained on points in a ten rounds bout fourteen months ago, stamps him as a dangerous customer for the Englishman to tackle, for we know that Ratner fully extended Todd in London several months ago, but Roland welcomes the return match with Malone, because it affords him an opportunity to try to strengthen his claim to a match with Harry Greb.

In spite of losing to Loughran and Malone, the Englishman is good enough to go against Greb, and should he be able to master Malone next month the American title-holder will probably have some difficulty in escaping a match with him.

At home Todd's "return" with Malone will be looked forward to with plenty of interest. His future in the States depends on how he fares in his next bout, and I learn from a friend in New York that Roland is very optimistic concerning his chance.

HARRY MASON'S AMERICAN DEBUT.

Harry Mason, the English and European lightweight champion, has had his first contest in America, and according to a cablegram dealing with it he has made a good impression. He boxed in New York a couple of weeks back, going ten rounds with Harry "Kid" Brown, and was awarded the judges' decision on points. The cable says: "Mason entered the ring weighing 10st. 3lbs., and Brown 9st. 7lbs. The Englishman used his left effectively throughout, displayed a clever defence, and made a whirlwind finish, completely outpointing his opponent at all stages of the contest."

On this side we know little of Brown except that he has not opposed the prominent American lightweights with whom Mason hopes to try conclusions. The English champion aspires to meeting Benny Leonard for the world's title, but he will have much qualifying to do for a match with the man regarded as America's premier boxer, and it appears that in tackling Brown he has started his qualifying campaign well down the ladder. He is in the hands of an astute American manager in Jimmy Johnston, however, and if he can acquire more dash than he has boxed with at home he may steadily make headway towards the goal of his ambition. From what I have heard about Leonard and seen of Mason in action, however, the chance of the latter capturing the world's title seems very small.

The news that Mason weighed 10st. 3lbs. for his bout with Brown is rather surprising in view of the fact that for his contests at home he was always inside the lighgt-weight limit He has been looked upon as a man scaling little if any more than 9st. 6lbs., but is a growing youngster, who may in a short time find it necessary to go up into the "welter" division. If he was fit for his bout with Brown—and he would hardly run the risk of boxing out of condition in making his debut in the States—he has already grown out of the lightweight class.

BURNS BEATEN IN BERLIN.

Frankie Burns, champion middleweight of Australia, may not have reached the heights he aspired to since he found his way to England, but whenever he has been in action he has acquitted himself a plucky boxer, and Charlie Lucas, manager for him, has secured for him quite a number of engagements. From being a contestant for the championship of the British Empire against "Kid" Lewis and meeting Roland Todd, Frankie has come down to boxing second class men, most of whom he has been equal to beating.

He made a successful appearance at Fulham Baths two weeks ago in going against Bill Bates, of Charlton, despite being somewhat handicapped in height, reach and weight, his old rival, "Kid" Lewis, who refereed the bout, applying the closure nearing the end of the seventh round, when Bates, who had been outfought most of the time, had a rather badly damaged eye. Burns boxed in Berlin at the Sports Palast last Friday and met with a reverse. He lost on points in a ten rounds bout to a German "middle" named Meleng.

THE SPORTING SPIRIT.

In the course of the Burns-Bates contest there was an unusual incident, that of the referee "doctoring" the damaged eye of the latter prior to intervening. Upon inspecting the cut at the close of the sixth round Lewis decided that it wanted attention, and going to the corner occupied by Burns he obtained from Charlie Lucas a bottle of lotion. It was a sporting act of Burns and his manager to loan the bottle and its contents for the purpose of an attempt being made to stop the flow of blood from Bates's eye so that he might be able to "carry on," but unfortunately for the Charlton boxer the application of some of the liquid did not have the desired effect.

Lewis applied the lotion, and his action was regarded as improper by a man seated at the ringside, who has handled a good number of boxers, but in the circumstances, Burns and his manager having contributed to the "doctoring" by loaning the lotion, the view cannot be taken that the referee was guilty of partiality. Had he not attended to the cut over Bates's eye one of the latter's seconds would have done so, therefore, no harm was done.

LEWIS BEATS PAPE.

At the time of writing "Kid" Lewis and Johnny Brown have not appended their signatures to articles binding them to box for the "welter" championship of Great Britain and Europe, and they will hardly come together unless a better offer is made them than that of Jack Callaghan, who wants to stage the match for a £1,000 purse.

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The men could doubtless get a good deal more by boxing in Edinburgh, but Lewis prefers to defend his titles in London, and has, I understand, been in touch with Major Wilson, who may decide to run the match at the Royal Albert Hall. A meeting of Lewis and his challenger does not look like materialising for a few weeks, and in the meantime Lewis will probably engage in a contest. He scored an easy victory at Bradford last Monday night, defeating Sid Pape in the second round, and a match will be fixed up to take place in Berlin in the near future if the terms offered him to go against Brietenstrater, the German heavyweight champion, are worth accepting.

THE ENGLISH FLYWEIGHT TITLE.

The British flyweights who aspire to wear the championship mantle thrown off by Jimmy Wilde are to get their chance, and several of them are in the running for the title and the Lonsdale belt, they have been called upon to figure in a competition, which, if it is carried out according to schedule, will finish with a final bout over the championship course for the title and trophy in April.

Eight lads have been chosen to figure in the competition at the National Sporting Club, and four of them, "Kid" Kelly (Plymouth), Ernie Lord (Salford), George Garrard (Acton), and "Kid" Anthony (Cardiff) are to figure in ten rounds contests, paired in the order mentioned, next Monday, while on the following Monday the two other pairs: Young Johnny Brown (St. George's) and Johnny Jones (Treorcky), and Elky Clark (Scotland) and Billy Morris (Birkenhead) are to meet over ten rounds to complete the first series.

On Monday, March 2nd, the winners of the two bouts on February 4th will meet in a fifteen rounds event, and a week later the winners on February 11 will meet over fifteen rounds. The final is to be decided in April.

Of the lads chosen, Kelly may be regarded as first favourite. He has enjoyed a long run of success, and his two recent victories over Garrard stamp him as about the best flyweight in the British Isles. He has come on a great deal since he lost to Johnny Jones in a ten rounds contest I refereed at Plymouth, and, if I remember rightly, defeated the Welsh lad twice. Billy Morris looks about the next best, though it is just possible that Anthony, who stopped Frankie Kestrell a few weeks back, may prove a "dark horse." Young Johnny Brown, who was very lucky to get a draw when he fought Ernie Lord, does not appear to have a very good chance, and of the latter it may be said he disappointed in losing to Ernie Veitch, a Tynesider, ata the Liverpool Stadium on January 17.

J. BISSELL.

AT THE RING.

GEORGE McKENZIE BEATS "KID" SYMONDS

"Kid" Symonds, of Plymouth, who recently returned from Australia and has an ambition to become featherweight champion, was a very disappointing boxer at The Ring last Monday night, when he met George McKenzie (Leith) in a fifteen rounds contest and suffered disqualification in the fifth essay for wrestling. He was boxing in England for the first time since he went to the Antipodes more than two and a half years ago, and unless he can do far better than he attempted to against the Scot he will attract little attention.

When he made a good effort to relieve Jim Higgins of the "bantam" title and Lonsdale belt in 1921 he was quite a clever boxer, but on Monday night he was just a rough and tumble performer, fond of holding and pushing his man about the ring. The few clean punches he struck were left swings to the body, and in the first and again in the second round the referee cautioned him for hitting while holding. McKenzie did his best to make matters interesting and dealt punishing short-arm punches to the face. He outscored the Westerner in each session, but was repeatedly forced to the ropes owing to Symonds leaning on and pushing. In the fifth round the latter wrestled for all he was worth, and the referee did the right thing in disqualifying him.

Phil Clements (Gloucester) defeated George Davis (Camden Town) in another fifteen rounds event the referee intervening at the end of the seventh term when Davis was tired and well behind on points, and Teddy Munn (Paddington) drew with Charlie Lane (Blackffriars) over ten rounds.

JOHNNY CHISLETT BEATS JIM CARNEY.

Unable to give of his best because he boxed at too low a weight in meeting Johnny Chislett (Treherbert) at 9st. 2lbs. on Saturday last at The Ring, Jim Carney (Middlesbrough) met with defeat on points in making his debut in London. He arrived in London on Saturday 4½lbs. overweight as a result of the journey from Middlesbrough occupying from Friday morning, and in reducing himself in order to make the required weight by the time of scaling on Saturday afternoon sacrificed strength. He really belongs to the lightweight division, and after the bout with Chislett asked for a chance to box a man weighing about 9st. 6lbs.

In going the scheduled fifteen rounds against the Welsh lad and giving him a hard fight Carney did well under the circumstances, but the decision against him, though not approved by some of the spectators was quite in order. Early in the contest Carney used a straight left to the face with good judgment of distance and was the quicker at leading, but at close range Chislett employed both hands and paid plenty of attention to the body. The Welshman was on top in the third round, during which he did the attacking, and was partial to infighting. Carney did not use his left often enough, and he lost a little in this and subsequent rounds. Chislett was aggressive and did a lot of short-arm hitting, but his punches were not particularly heavy.

At the sixth meeting several of the Teesider's straight left-hand shots landed flush on the face, but others were ducked by Chislett, who generally countered on the body. It was even going in the seventh and eighth rounds, for Carney at times repulsed attacks with a left jab and also sent the right to the side of the head. Chislett was the stronger, however, and in the ninth essay he hurt with left hooks to the face and rights to the body, but lost a little in the tenth, as Carney not only used his left freely, but countered with the right to the face. The ensuing rounds were of give-and-take order, both men being willing to go to short range, though not able to hit with a lot of sting.

In a light-heavyweight ten rounds "go" Seaman Willoughby (Chatham) defeated Guardsman Morris (Grenadiers), the soldier, who was floored once in the first and twice in the second round, retiring at the close of the eighth session when well outfought. Another ten-rounder resulted in Johnny Thomas (Clerkenwell) beating Fred Browne (Birmingham) on points.

AIR-MEC. BILLS STOPPED BY FRENCH "WELTER."

Gaston Paumelle, a French welterweight, made a successful debut in England when, on Thursday last, he met Air-Mec. Bills (R.A.F.) in a fifteen rounds contest at The Ring, the thirteenth essay proving an unlucky round for the Englishman. Ahead on points at the time, Bills, who survived a knockdown in the first session and two in the twelfth, was beaten by the knockout route. He failed by the fraction of a second in attempting to regain his feet to avoid being counted out, but at the time was in a bad way, as the result of taking rights on the jaw.

It was as a game persevering boxer rather than a clever one that Paumelle impressed. His grit carried him along round after round against a man who outscored him and hit punishingly with both hands. Bills generally set the pace and landed freely on the face and body, but the French boxer remained strong and at different stages proved an effective right-hand hitter. The likelihood of Paumelle stopping his man always seemed to exist, and when in the twelfth term Bills took two counts of eight and went to his corner at the bell much shaken the finish was near at hand. Bills rose at "five" in the next essay upon going down to a right on the jaw, and then Paumelle sent over a similar punch which proved the last.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

THE ENGLISH BOXERS IN AMERICA. JACK BLOOMFIELD COMPELLED TO REMAIN IDLE. SPALLA'S TRIP TO THE ARGENTINE.

It is some years since we had a boxing season in England so quiet as the present one, and the reluctance of Major Wilson or some other promoter to put on big shows chiefly because of the scarcity of boxers with gate-drawing powers has had the effect of driving a bunch of our fistic ccebrities, such as they are, to America, where their efforts to collect money by participating in contests have not been well rewarded. These men were doubtless attracted by the immense "gates" drawn by bouts in New York last year, but they are learning to their dismay that it is far from easy to break into the big money.

Three British champions, Roland Todd, Harry Mason, and Johnny Brown, are amongst the invaders of the States, and the first-named has about the best chance of making enough money to reward him for visiting the country, providing, of course, he can emerge successful from his next contest in which he is to again meet Jock Malone.

Joe Fox has well worn out his welcome on the other side, whilst Mason has a long journey before him before he can command anything approaching high remuneration.

The big money apparently is not for English boxers in America. Billy Wells, the Bermondsey "welter," who has been over there for several months and had numerous contests, has not joined the new-rich as a result of fighting, and a recent set-back put him out of the running for a world's title bout with Mickey Walker. He was highly regarded in the States until he hooked up with Dave Shade not long ago. Billy had an off night and took a beating. Charley Harvey, American manager for Wells, has no explanation to offer for Wells's poor showing that night, except that Bill couldn't "let go." Wells has had about thirty fights in America, and that with Shade was the first in which he did not impress. Jack Dempsey, who had Wells in his training camp, is one of the staunchest believers in Billy, and says Wells will redeem himself the next time he is seen in action, and we understand Billy is to have another contest with Shade, probably on Monday.

Ted Moore, the Plymouth middleweight, who gave Tommy Loughran a lump of weight and a hard fight in Boston, has been trying to get a match in Madison Square Garden, New York. He is not particular about an opponent just so he gets a chance to display his wares in New York's largest club for more money than he has received for boxing elsewhere in the States, but the offer he seeks seems about as far off as ever.

Frank Moody has had to be satisfied with engagements which have not netted him much, and, although he has made short work of nearly all the men who have opposed him, he, like Ted Moore, cannot get a match with a man who has following enough to help him to share a good purse.

Dave Magill, the ex-policeman of Belfast and holder of the Irish light-heavyweight championship, is amongst the British boxers hoping to have some nice pickings. Dave made a hit when he figured in his first contest in America and disposed of Sailor Maxted, referred to by one American scribe as a "tough campaigner." The rest of the English Colony comprises Frank Ash, Ted Marchant, Tommy Noble, Fred Jacks, Ex-Guradsman George West, Mick McAdam, Danny Frush and Fred Archer, the last-mentioned of whom was recently outpointed by Jack Britton in a ten rounds bout at Canton, Ohio.

Four of the above-named British boxers: Todd, Moore, Magill and West, engaged in contests a couple of weeks ago, and the former was the only one who failed to win. A decision against him was rendered when he and Jock Malone had contested twelve rounds at Boston, but a cablegram to hand informs us that the verdict was not endorsed by the spectators, many of whom hissed.

Moore figured in a twelve rounds bout in New York and won on the judge's decision against Larry Estridge, a coloured man. It was Estridge's first defeat in 54 contests.

In what was his second bout in New York, Magill defeated Leo Gates, a 6ft. 2in. American-Indian, on points over six rounds at Madison Square Garden, when and where West outpointed Paddy Flynn (Ireland) in a four rounds event.

Johnny Brown, the "bantam" champion of Europe and Great Britain, sailed for New York along with Frush on Wednesday of last week, and as a result of his sudden decision to make the trip a projected championship bout between him and Johnny Curley, of Lambeth, is "off." Accepted by the National Sporting Club Committee as a worthy claimant to a Lonsdale belt match with Brown, Curley expected to get his chance next month, but then came the news that Brown had sailed for America at the request of his wife. The champion married when abroad some months ago and brought his wife with him on his return to England, but Mrs. Brown's stay here was short, for she became homesick.

Brown, it is said, has not gone to America with the idea of boxing there, and may come back in a month's time. This means, of hope to box for the "bantam" title is towards the end of April. If and when the pair come together they will be trying conclusions for the second time. Curley holds a win over Brown, gained as a featherweight, and he fancies he can get down to 8st. 6lbs. and repeat. It is very doubtful that he can make the "bantam" poundage and do himself justice, however, and the longer he is kept waiting the more difficult will he find the task of getting to 8st. 6lbs. When he boxed at a couple of pounds above that weight months ago he was weak and lost to Johnny Chislett.

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Though the majority of our boxing representatives mentioned above may not earn the amount of money they thought awaited them for displaying their fistic abilities in America, some will get more than would have come their way at home, and unless boxing prospects improve here shortly other ringsters will find it necessary to go abroad to get a living. One boxer to whom the future promises little on account of there being nobody for him to get a match with is Jack Bloomfield. Jack is out on his own in the heavyweight division in England without being a world-beater, and the projected match between him and Georges Carpentier in London seems far off, since Carpentier is trying to fix up or has arranged to pay another visit to the States.

The Frenchman is looking forward to being one of the big cards during the open-air season, when Tex Rickard gets busy in New York, but it is just possible that he and other boxers may be disappointed, as a Mr. Lord, a Republican member of the New York State Assembly, has introduced a Bill seeking to repeal the Walker Boxing Law, which permits contests in the State of 15 rounds to decisions. Mr. Lord in introducing the measure declared that the so-called sport of boxing was a disgrace to civilisation, and it was time that the State should act.

Mr. Kennedy, another member of the Assembly, afterwards introduced a Bill to prohibit boxing and wrestling where admission is charged or a purse offered. "Whatever the fate of the two Bills may be," says a report, "it seems more than probable that an enquiry will be held into the present alleged unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in the ring."

Senator Michael E. Reiburn, of New York, has introduced a bill to reduce admission prices to boxing bouts and to cut prices.

The measure, which failed of passage a year ago, would fix a maximum price of 5 dollars for admission to boxing matches, except in the case of championship bouts,

where the maximum cost would be 10 dollars.

"The reason I introduced this bill is to stop profiteering in sport," said the Senator. "The matter of all that should be done to the boxing game. Legislation should be enacted that would radically clean up the present situation. One thing that requires immediate attention is the decisions now being given. There should be a change relative to the referee and judges, for if the sport is to be continued men of the highest integrity who know the game should have it in charge. The prices charged are outrageous. If boxing is to be continued under State regulations it is high time the State should take steps so that nobody who wants to see a bout will be prevented by high prices. The big purses should be eliminated, and the sport brought down to a sane level. A million dollars for fighting permits of no argument in its defence."

At the present time there is a chance of boxing on anything like a big being prohibited in N.Y., and if those up against the sport have their way Tex Rickard, even if he returns to Boyle's Thirty Acres in New Jersey, where the Dempsey-Carpentier fight took place, may not be able to promote all the fights he hopes to bring off in N.Y. during the coming summer.

Erminio Spalla, the International Union's pet heavyweight, who is acknowledged by that body to be champion of Europe despite the fact that he has no more claim to the title than Joe Beckett, has sailed for Buenos Ayres, where he is to meet the South American champion, Luis Angel Firpo, and we can quite believe a message from Milan, which says "His departure was without ceremony." The Italian is reported to have cancelled one or two engagements to go to the Argentine, and if he is not more fortunate than were Sam Langford, Joe Jeannette, Sam McVea and some others who visited Buenos Ayres some years ago, he will regret foregoing matches at home and one in New York with Gene Tunney. It's a much longer journey home for Spalla than it was for Langford and the others from the Argentine, and Sam claims that he had to walk while the others "beat" their way back as best they could, because there was nothing coming to them when they had done the fighting they made the journey for.

Attempts to induce American no-class heavyweights, the "horizontal" kind, as one American critic terms them, to go to Buenos Ayres, has not met with any response, probably because of the small amounts offered them to take a "dive" to Firpo, so Spalla, even if he gets what he has agreed to go for, will not receive much. Firpo has announced that his match with the Italian will take place on the Buenos Ayres football field on Feb 24, and will be of fifteen rounds. Firpo says he is to receive 40 per cent. of the gate receipts and Spalla a guaranteed amount which he was unable to make public.

Spalla's acceptance of the contest with Firpo has upset Tex Rickard's plans for a match between the Italian and Gene Tunney, American light-heavyweight champion, which had been announced for February 1 at Madison Square Garden.

"I have an agreement with Spalla's American managers, binding the Italian heavyweight champion to an engagement with Tunney on February 1," declared Rickard.

"Spalla's managers showed me a signed contract with Spalla, and I considered them his official representatives.

"Of course, if Spalla goes through with a bout with Firpo it is not likely he will be in a position to meet Tunney as early as Feb. 1. If by any chance Firpo should defeat him, Spalla would no longer be a real card here."

Rickard seems to be thinking of the possibility rather than the probability of Spalla going under to the Argentinean, but American boxing critics take the view that even Jack Dempsey couldn't fight Firpo in Buenos Ayres and get away with a victory. They haven't any doubt that Jack is Firpo's master, however.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.

"KID" MOOSE DEFEATS JOHNNY BEE.

Two of the four contestants who engaged in fifteen rounds bouts at the Liverpool Stadium last Thursday night were the Merseysiders, Johnny Bee and "Young" Tilston, and they opposed "Kid" Moose (Southport) and "Young" Bull (Castleford) respectively. Bee met with defeat, having to retire at the close of the eighth session, but Tilston was successful, a decision in his favour being rendered by the referee at the end of a strenuous bout.

Early in the Moose-Bee set-to the latter twice sent the right to the body. He roughed it a bit at close quarters, however, and was cautioned prior to sending home several blows. Johnny was chief scorer for a portion of the second essay, and then both men got in close-quarter punches, Bee just claiming the honours. Soon after the third essay opened Bee sent a right to the jaw, but afterwards the Birkenhead man's right eyebrow was cut. In the next round the men mixed matters well. Moose scored on the head, and Bee jabbed a hard left to the ribs. At the next meeting a right to the jaw sent Bee's head back. The Birkenhed man soon fought back, however, and a hard struggle followed. In the eighth session Bee was sent down with a right to the body. After rising the latter fought hard to the end of the round, when his advisers warned him regarding the condition of his cut eyebrow, which had been bleeding profusely, and he retired.

The opening round of the bout between Tilston and Bull was quite a busy one. Both reached the face early on with light lefts, and then Tilston sent his left flush to the face, Bull missing with a right uppercut in trying to counter. Tilston used his left later in good style, and as the bell sounded both lads scored with right hooks at close quarters. In the second round both reached the face with excellent lefts. Towards the end of the round they engaged in a warm rally, in which Tilston had the better of matters. In the third essay Tilston missed frequently, while Bull boxed in dour and determined fashion. Later Tilston was scoring with lefts to Bull's face. Following a give-and-take fourth round, lefts to the face were delivered by each, and in a rally Tilston just missed and touched the floor with his hands. In the sixth Tilston scored well on the face, but a left to the body and another to the side of the head from Bull more than equalised matters. Even exchanges followed, but then Tilston sent home a couple of body punches, which he followed by a straight left flush to the face. The eighth round was boxed at a good pace, and although it was evident that Tilston was tiring he was just in front on points.

The tenth round was a heavy one. Early on Tilston's mouth was bleeding, but he tackled his man in fine style, and had the better of matters. A couple of flush lefts from Bull sent Tilston's head ba early in the eleventh round, but little divided the men. Bull, for a couple of rounds, made a capital show, his lefts to the face being a feature. Time after time in the thirteenth Tilston missed, whilst Bull got in an uppercut three times in succession. The Castleford lad fully extended Tilston for the remainder of the bout, and there could not have been much between the pair when the verdict went to Tilston.

In a ten rounds event Tom Carter (Wigan) won over Bill Carr (Castleford), the referee intervening when Carr was floored in the seventh round.

A full evening's boxing is promised Liverpool sportsmen on Thursday night, as the programme arranged for the occasion includes no less than three fifteen rounds events. A lightweight contest between Corpl. Downton (R.M.L.I.) and Jim Carroll (Liverpool) will probably attract most attention and pan out in favour of the local after a hard bout, and another Liverpudlian who should win is Joe Samuels, whose opponent will be Dan Almond, of Bolton. Harry Whybrow (Wandsworth), a sturdy and fairly clever lad, is to tackle Kenny Webb (Belfast), claimant to the Irish featherweight title, in the other fifteen-rounder.

ESSEX BEAGLES.

All boxing members of the Essex Beagles are requested to note that boxing is still indulged in as part of the training for members, and they are asked to come along and bring with them any friends who may wish to avail themselves of the use of the ring, etc. Headquarters is again the Forest Gate Hotel, Forest Gate, and boxing commences at 8 o'clock every Wednesday

RACING NOTES

THIS WEEK'S RACING.

With the Railway Strike over we can now expect to see better attendances and larger fields at the various meetings during the week, for the majority of events have secured capital entries, and good sport should be witnessed.

As was the case in connection with Epinard's races in Engand last year, many misleading statements have already been made in connection with the French crack and the Lincolnshire Handicap. At present Mr. Pierre Wertheimer has not decided whether or not to run Epinard on the Carholme.

We understand that there is not the least likelihood of the proposed match between Mitchells and Radiant River at Hurst Park taking place.

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Racing will take place at Gatwick (Wednesday and Thursday), Sandown Park (Friday and Saturday) and Haydock Park (Friday and Saturday).

The following should go close to winning their respective engagements:

GATWICK—THURSDAY.

The Cotland Steeplechase—
ADALEW.
The Coulsden Hurdle Race—
CODFORD
The Surrey Steeplechase—
SHAUN SPADAH
The Amateur Hurdle Race—
POOLE'S SELECTED
The Four-Year-Old Hurdle Race—
SCOTTISH ELEGANCE
The Novices' Steeplechase—
NORTH WALTHAM.

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SANDOWN—FRIDAY.

The Woking Hurdle Race—
BENNETT'S SELECTED
The Stanley Steeplechase—
PRIDE OF MANISTER
The Prince Albert Hurdle Race—
NIGHTINGALL'S SELECTED
The Mole Steeplechase—
BLAZING CORN.
The Metropolitan Hurdle Race—
ROCK ARROW
The Experimental Steeplechase—
CARROLSTOWN.

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SANDOWN—SATURDAY.

The Village Hurdle Race—
POOLE'S SELECTED.
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HAYDOCK—FRIDAY.

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PRICKLY.
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HAYDOCK—SATURDAY.

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NORTH END
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CERTOSA
The Farm Hurdle Race—
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BILLY HINDLEY BEATS HARRY CORBETT.

Billy Hindley, the clever Horwich "bantam," who recently gave a very good account of himself in a contest with Johnny Brown, whose claim to the championship he hopes to dispute in the future, was the chief contestant at the National Sporting Club last Monday night He beat a good cass boxer in Harry Corbett, of Hackney, on points over fifteen rounds, though the lead he held at full distance could not have been a long one.

It was a capital bout the lads provided, with the Lancastrian doing much of the forcing and keeping his rival on the retreat. Corbett boxed with skill and was much the cleaner hitter at long range, but almost every time in-fighting took place Hindley scored freely with both hands.

At "bantam" poundage the lads met, and although Corbett held advantage of height and reach he was outscored in the early rounds. He failed to keep Hindley off with his left leads, and the latter kept scoring with both hands on the body and head. Corbett began to make use of the ring in the fifth round, and his clean, straight hitting and the ability he showed to get away won him the round. Corbett had a pull again in the sixth essay, his hit-and-get-away game bothering Hindley, and although the latter did enough hitting in the next round to keep his opponent well on the move. Corbett won the eighth by jabbing his man with the left, following with the right, and getting away cleverly. The ensuing session went on even lines, but in the tenth Corbett went ahead with lefts and rights to the face, and by clever defence made Hindley miss. The Horwich lad fought with plenty of dash in the next round, but in the twelfth he was stung by left hooks to the jaw and a couple of hard rights. Hindley was a very persistent boxer, however, and he did a lot of short-arm scoring in the concluding rounds, after which he gained a popular verdict.

A ten rounds heavyweight contest, in which Arthur Townley (Birkenhead) beat Alf Bright (Kingsland), was disappointing, the latter being disqualified for holding. He was much inferior to Townley as a boxer, and although he floored the latter for "eight" in the first round, the punch he delivered landed low. The bout ended in the third round.

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The competitions for the titles mentioned above will be decided at different clubs, venues and dates having been fixed as follow:—Flyweight and heavyweight, February 29, Metropolitan Club. Lightweight, March 4, Aston Club. Featherweight, March 7, Avery's Club. Middleweight, March 14, Nettlefold's Club. Bantamweight, March 21, Tangye's Club. Welterweight and light-heavyweight, Magnet Club, date to be arranged. Winners will be eligible to compete in the A.B.A. Championships in London

ST. PANCRAS EVENTS

When the St. Pancras A.B.C. annual tournament was held recently at the Prince of Wales Road Baths, Mr. E. Cox, representing the promoting club, was successful in one of the competitions. He defeated a club-mate in W. Taylor, and J. Basham, of the Columbia, and as this is the sixth open event he has won he is looked upon as a "welter" with a good chance of annexing the next A.B.A. "pot" for the division, despite the fact that on Monday of last week he met with defeat on points at the hands of I. Hanks (Lynn A.C.) in a six rounds contest at Camberwell Baths

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION BEATEN.

H. J. Mitchell ("Poly"), holder of the light-heavyweight title, and E. J. Hulks (St. Pancras B.C.) were contestants in one of the six roundders at the St. Pancras meetings, and the latter, a loser to P. Egan in the final for the heavyweight championship last year, won a close bout on points. The pair met aain on Tuesday of last week as competitors in an invitation heavyweight competition run under the auspices of the Limehouse, Poplar and District B.C., and Mitchell got the verdict luckily on the ref's casting vote

COLUMBIA'S CAPTURE.

A few evenings prior to losing to Cox on the referee's casting vote, Basham was a successful competitor in a 10st. 4lbs. "open" at Wandsworth Baths on the occasion of the second annual tournament promoted by "B" Div. Met. Police. He was the pick of half a dozen doing duty, and E. Collier (unattached), E. Grayson (United Insurance) and F. Skinner (Fulham B.C.), who opposed the last-named, lasted the longest—until the second round.

THE COLUMBIA B.C.

This prominent club, which has comfortable headquarters at the New Century Club, 74, Mansford St., Hackney Road, where practice nights are Tuesday and Friday, when those wishing to become members can obtain full particulars holds its next open competitions at the Hoxton Baths on Thursday, when there will be an intermediate competition at 8st., an open novices at 10st. 7lbs., and special contests between E. Warwick (8st. A.B.A. champion) and L. M. Tarrant (Armstrong Siddeley B.C., Coventry, 8st. 6lbs. A.B.A. champion 1921 and 8st. A.B.A. champion 1922); P. Lolosky (Columbia B.C.) and F. Riggs (Oxford and Bermondsey B.C.); H. E. Bone (Columbia) and J. A. Major (10st. 7lbs. and 11st. 6lbs. champion L.& N.-Eastern Rly. Asson.). All particulars may be obtained from J. Fusse, Junr. (hon sec.), 51, Bishop's Road, E.2.

A BRUM HEAVYWEIGHT.

H. Yorke, a Birmingham amateur heavyweight, who aspires to A.B.A. championship honours, is to oppose Fred Olney, the amateur light-heavyweight champion of the Midlands, in a six rounds contest at the Central A.B.C. tournament at Aston Cross, Birmingham, on February 14. Olney was a competitor for the title held by Harry Mallin last April, but, meeting the latter in the first series, he waas defeated on points.

TWO-FOLD SCOTTISH CHAMPION.

When the East of Scotland championships were decided in Edinburgh recently no less than five members of the Leith Victoria A.B.C. were amongst the winners, and one of them, J. McKenzie, a nephew of Tancy Lee, captured two titles, those for flyweight and bantam. It will be remembered that this lad was a fancied candidate for the A.B.A. flyweight championship last April, and lost to that clever little Columbia boxer, E. Warwick in the final. There was no dout about the superiority of the latter then, but if the Scot has improved much and the pair compete for this year's title, Warwick may be hard pushed to retain his laurels. McKenzie's club-mate, W. White, who was unlucky to lose to E. Swash at "A.P." last April, created a fine impression by winning the Scottish lightweight title

THE BOXING MARQUIS.

Of the middleweights who may endeavour to capture the A.B.A. title three months hence, one in whom plenty of interest centres is the Marquis of Clydesdale, captain of the Oxford University B.C., who recently scored over E. K. Lucas in a six rounds contest decided at a tournament promoted by the latter's club, Hay's Wharf Sports and Social Club, at the Bermondsey Town Hall. A boxing Marquis is a rarity, and this one is very keen on the sport, but there is a big doubt that he has the ability to extend that seasoned champion, Harry Mallin, who on Wednesday of last week easily beat H. Vandael (Paris) in one of three Anglo-French Police six rounds contests decided at the Stadium Club, Holborn. Vandael had no chance against the world's champion amateur, who scored two knockdowns before the referee called a halt in the second round.

HOXTON.

P.O. SPILLER STOPS BILLY PRESTAGE.

ISAAC INGLETON ONLY WINNER OF O'ROURKE'S TRIO.

When Tex O'Rourke's heavyweight "hopes," Isaac Ingeton (Nottingham), Billy Prestage (Rugby) and Leslie Price (Bristol), figured in ten rounds contests at the Hoxton Baths on Monday afternoon only the first-named was successful, and though he was the best of the trio it may not be said that he much impressed. He well beat Tom Ireland (Hoxton) on points, and at times used a straight left in workmanlike fashion, but was too impetuous in trying to bring about the downfall of his man in hitting with the right, and missed oftener than he landed. True he floored Ireland for "nine" with a good right to the jaw in the second essay, but the only other time he knocked his man down was in round five, when he hooked to the jaw with the left. He knew less about the game than Ireland, but for the greater part of the bout did the forcing, and plenty of his blows were punishing, but at different stages, when he might have gone in and finished the affair, he hesitated because Ireland threatened by feinting. The latter did this when he wanted a breather, and Ingleton did not get wise to his generalship. The bout was quite the best of the afternoon, and Ireland, in view of the fact that he lacked condition, gave the Notts man a good run.

Prestage, opposed to P.O. Spiller (Chatham), did not last long enough for the spectators to get an idea of how much he has learned about boxing. He played the wrong game in "having a fight" and paid the penalty. Down to a right on the jaw early on, he took a count of six, and in mixing it again napped left and right to the chin, which sent him to the floor for the second time. His head struck the boards as he fell and he was counted out.

Joe Mullings (Catford) beat Price on points, the latter filling second place all through the set-to.

He boxed on the retreat, but could never keep clear of Mullings's jabbing left to the face. The Bristol man was purely a novice, lacking pace and punch.

Other ten rounds bouts resulted in Chris Gorman (Chelsea) drawing with Harry Jones (Hoxton); Ted Zegwaard (Holland) outpointing Seaman Willoughby (Chatham); and Jim How (Newcastle) beating Bert Hicks (Walthamstow), who retired at the end of the fifth round.

PLYMOUTH.

PERCY LAKE WINS.

Owing to the late arrival of Welsh boxers engaged for Friday last at Plymouth the show at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium was staged on Saturday. "Young" Fred Welsh and Joby Culverhouse (Pontypridd) were the Principality lads doing duty, and both suffered defeat. The former met Percy Lake (Plymouth) over the ten rounds course, and the bout was the most exciting seen at Plymouth for a long time. Welsh was a fast and clever hard puncher, but the local, in good form, outscored him in nearly every round after the first. Both boys made a great fight of it, but Lake showed the better class boxing. In the last four rounds Welsh, though fighting desperately, and often landing damaging blows, was forced to retreat much of the time, and he was some little way behind on points when the end came.

Culverhouse was beaten by Alec Forster, a Newcastle middleweight, a towel being thrown in by one of the former's seconds in the tenth round.

SIKI WINS.

Boxing at Memphis, Tenn., on January 14, "Battling" Siki scored his first American success. He gained a decision over Young Norfolk, a New Orleans negro heavyweight, in an eight rounds contest. Siki was master of the situation except in the sixth round, when Norfolk floored him with a right to the jaw. In the second round Siki attacked with a series of lefts and rights to the head, sending Norfolk to the floor for a count of nine. Siki weighed 12st. 9½lbs. and Norfolk 11st. 3½lbs.

PREMIERLAND.

MIKE HONEYMAN AND TED WHITE WIN.

Billy Moore, the Penygraig lightweight, who recently beat Bill Handley at Premierland, was an unsuccessful contestant at that hall when, on Thursday last, he tackled Mike Honeyman (Canning Town), the ex-featherweight champion, in a bout of fifteen rounds duration. Though aggressive enough, he could not master the clever defence put up by the Londoner, who was smart also at left jabbing to the face.

The contest opened on tame lines, and Honeyman just about had a shade the better of matters, but Moore did some forcing in the second round and scored with a couple of swinging lefts to the body, while in the third meeting he evaded several of his opponent's left swings and countered. Honeyman, however, was successful towards the close of the round in employing right uppercuts. Moore had a good deal the better of the fourth round, his most effective punches being left and right hooks and swings to the body and jaw. Honeyman took the succeeding round, however, making his man miss repeatedly, for he did better with his left leads. Damage was done to his left eye in the sixth essay, during which there was little to choose between them.

Following two more rather even sessions the Londoner scored with both hands on the body. Moore missed badly with right swings, but just before the end of the round he hurt Honeyman with a left swing to the "mark." Honeyman reached Moore with a nice right swing to the jaw in the tenth round, but apart from this little of note occurred. Subsequently Honeyman proved very elusive, and in the twelfth round he defended so well that Moore was scarcely able to land, while in the next round Honeyman often jabbed to the mouth without a return. Moore improved in the fourteenth, but Honeyman defended and scored well with both hands in the fifteenth, at the close of which he was adjudged the winner.

Ted White (St. George's), figuring in a fifteen rounds "go," scored his third consecutive victory since leaving the amateur ranks at the expense of Joe Davis (Hoxton), who injured his right shoulder to such an extent that he was compelled to retire. At the time White was ahead on points, although he had had to accept some body punishment in the close-quarter milling, which was not very clean, he was generally on top at arm's length, where he employed a straight left to the face.

In a ten rounds bout Teddy Baldock (Poplar) beat Young Bowler (Bethnal Green), who was counted out in the first round.

JOE BLOOMFIELD WINS.

On Sunday afternoon at Premierland several contests were decided, and most interest centred in the meeting over fifteen rounds of Joe Bloomfield (Islington) and Shoeing-smith Fred Davies (Llanelly). In the first three rounds little of note occurred, Davies chiefly getting home to the body with a series of right-handed punches. Bloomfield took a hand in the next couple of rounds, sending blows to the head and jaw. There was very little between them at the half-way stage, but Bloomfield then began to forge ahead, and in the tenth meeting shook the Welshman with a right hook to the jaw. Davies's left eye was badly damaged during the twelfth meeting, and he retired at the end of the thirteenth round.

In bouts over ten rounds Sid Cannon (Spitalfields) and Sam Blacker (St. George's) boxed a draw; George Setterland (Newport) beat Harry Pullen (Blackfriars) on points; and George Kelly (Canning Town) beat Bill Softly (Poplar) on points.

McTIGUE AND CARPENTIER.

In view of what Mr. "Doc" Almy says concerning a match between Georges Carpentier and Mike McTigue, the following from New York on January 25 is of interest: Legal documents were signed last night at the offices of Mr. Tex Rickard by which Mike McTigue obtains release from the contract with his manager, Mr. Jacobs, by paying him a sum of ten thousand dollars. Henceforward McTigue will manage his own affairs.

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